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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Javit Zepeda, 29, Beloit, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 18 months in prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Zepeda pleaded guilty to this charge on August 22, 2008.

From December 2007 to February 2008, Zepeda conspired to distribute cocaine with Fidel Holguin by acting as a middle man between Holguin and another individual during cocaine deals. During a court-authorized wiretap of Holguin's telephones, agents intercepted numerous drug-related calls between Zepeda and Holguin.

The charges against Zepeda were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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